

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: CGEN, CARR, PDIP, U.K.  
SUBJ: BRITISH INTEREST IN PRISONER EXCHANGE TREATY

1. EMBASSY'S PRINCIPAL WORKING LEVEL CONTACT WITH PRISONS DEPARTMENT OF HOME OFFICE INQUIRED INFORMALLY OF CHIEF, EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SERVICES BRANCH, ABOUT SUCCESS OF U.S. TREATIES WITH MEXICO AND CANADA FOR RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE MECHANICS OF EXCHANGE SUCH AS WHO PAYS FOR WHAT. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER CONOFF FELT USG WOULD FAVOR SUCH A TREATY WITH U.K. CONOFF REPLIED THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY HE KNEW OF NO REASON USG WOULD NOT WELCOME DISCUSSION ON SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND BRITAIN IS CONSIDERING FEASIBILITY OF PRISONER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITHIN CONTEXT OF EEC. UNCONFIRMED RUMOR HAS IT THAT CANADA MAY ALSO HAVE OFFICIALLY RAISED POSSIBILITY WITH HMG FOR TREATY SIMILAR TO THAT WITH U.S.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A) PLEASE AIR POUCH COPIES OF U.S./CANADA AND U.S./MEXICO TREATIES WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRISONS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR INFORMATION.  
B) PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY SHOULD PURSUE THIS  
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POSSIBILITY FURTHER WITH HMG.

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